



Project Title: Rabbit

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while raising rabbits for breeding or market.

State Fair Entries:

Open. Visit www.indianastatefair.com for information. Exhibitor's Corner opens in the spring.

Exhibit Guidelines:

Division	Project Book
Beginner (grades 3 - 5)	BU-8080
Intermediate (grades 6 - 8)	BU-8081
Advanced (grades 9 - 12)	BU-8082

2025 4-H Fair Rabbit Check In- Wednesday, July 16, 8-10 am

2025 4-H Rabbit Show- Friday, July 18, 2 pm

The Rabbit Superintendent discourages exhibitors from purchasing exhibition rabbits from pet stores, tractor supply stores, and flea markets. These rabbits are not usually show quality rabbits. If you would like information on where to find a show quality rabbit, please ask the Extension Office staff, Rabbit Superintendent, or Hare Raisers 4-H Club leader.

1. All rabbits must be enrolled by May 15. Identification sheets are available online or at the Purdue Extension- Tipton County office. Any animal not identified by May 15 will be shown by exhibition only.
2. All 4-H members who are enrolled in the rabbit project are expected to help with set-up and tear-down of pens.
3. A 4-H member may show no more than three (3) breeds of rabbits -- meat classes (fryer, roaster, and meat pens) are not considered breeds.
4. A 4-H member may show no more than 12 total entries, plus one meat pen (13 cages maximum).
5. Members cannot exhibit more than one entry per class.
6. Crossbred rabbits will be shown only in meat classes and will not be eligible for Champion Commercial Breed.
7. All rabbits must be tattooed in the LEFT ear. Rabbits shown in meat pen classes must be tattooed by a Tipton County 4-H Rabbit Leader by June 15th.
8. A rabbit may be shown in only one class.

9. Show breeds and classes will be determined using the State Fair Guidelines for rabbits. Listings will be available at the Extension Office by April 1.
10. Rabbits will be judged by the ARBA Standards (American Rabbit Breeders Association).
11. A Meat Pen is three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety; each rabbit weighing a minimum of three and a half (3.5) pounds and a maximum of five and a half (5.5) pounds and not over ten weeks of age on the day of the show.
12. Ear tattoos may be checked by the superintendent upon arrival at the county fair .
13. Superintendent has the right to refuse entry of diseased rabbits which could endanger healthy rabbits entered as 4-H projects.
14. Record sheets are no longer required, but completing the learning activities in the project book is highly encouraged and recommended to enhance the learning experience in this project. If you do not exhibit an animal but would still like to complete the project, you may complete the record sheet and turn it in prior to the first day of the 4-H Fair. You may also complete an educational exhibit (see #16 below).
15. All animal exhibitors (beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) OR Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-HQLC) each year. YQCA can be completed online at <https://yqcaprogram.org> for \$12. YQCA is recommended if you plan to show at any open or large national shows. Indiana 4-H is no longer affiliated with YQCA- any questions need to be referred to YQCA. 4-HQLC will be offered in-person a few times before the fair. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.
16. An exhibitor may choose to exhibit an educational rabbit poster or notebook. Please see the guidelines for Animal Education. There is one Rabbit Education ISF entry for each division.